

[Buried Treasure]

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BURIED TREASURE

“There is buried treasure in Cabillo Mountains,” (Horse Mountains) “thirty five miles north west of Las Cruces, by a spring under big rocks in Cabillo Canyon, just like I told you,” said Gorgonio.

“No ma'am, I cant can't tell you the exactly spot. I would not tell if I could, exact. I would not be waiting for my instrument to have it made over to lead me to it. If you can have it fixed for me then we find it and half I give you.

“Gold hunks, not gold bars, cover up the spring which makes it [deep?]. It was brought there on loaded mules and horses on many, many trips after murdering raids of Apache and Comanche Indians.

“I am going to find that treasure, if the Lord pleases,” said Gorgonio, “for I have the map on paper and where to go all written down. The map came to me honest. It was stealing that got this secret to me, but it is clean now.

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"I got it honest from a Spanish lady, Senora Francisco Apoyoducado. She lived now in Los Angeles. A Mexican man from New Mexico stayed at her house in old Mexico. He told her the secret of the buried treasure. He showed her the map and writing which told all about where was this treasure in New Mexico. He displeased her, she was bitter and stole his map and writing and his instrument to find the treasure and she brought it to New Mexico. C 18 6/5/41 - N. Mex.

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She didn't know what to do to find her treasure after she got here. I found her lost, in Carrizozo. I was a good friend to her. She said to me 'the [secret?] brings to me only bad luck' (that was because she stole it) so she gave it to me. When I have the money and can have my instrument fixed up I will go to Caballo Mountains then everything will be all right and I will find the treasure. I need it for my brother's girl, Enis Garcia. Since her muchacho came she is not right, she wanders in her mind. She dont swear none, she stands at her window and stares out all time but she dont harm nobody. The little muchacho died. She now has three set of twins, God help her, I need the treasure bad for her, so she can have new dresses and good fires to warm herself by.

When we find that treasure," said Gorgonio, "we do good for everybody, all the time."

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